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Mr. Philip W. Thayer, Dean
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Dear Phil:

Thank you very much for your letter of 4 September inviting me to attend the forthcoming Conference for Corporation Executives on the "Business Outlook in the Middle East."

Much as I would like to join you on this particular occasion, I am planning to be out of the country at that time, and therefore must regretfully decline your invitation. However, I should like to send one of my senior economists, [redacted] to the Conference as my representative. Please let me know if this arrangement is not satisfactory with you.

With kindest regards.

Sincerely,

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Allen W. Dulles
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